ST students, on the basis of complete proposals received from the various State Governments. This is also the practice followed in the States of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Only those ST students whose parental income does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh are eligible for the Post Matric Scholarships under the scheme.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Funds to overcome malnutrition in Andhra Pradesh

112. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided under ICDS programme to overcome malnutrition problem of children in Orissa during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of malnourished children is not coming down for three years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for bringing down the percentage of malnourished children in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The details of the funds provided under ICDS scheme to the State of Orissa during the last five years are as follows:

	(Rupees in lakhs)
2002-03	8676.42
2003-04	10387.11
2004-05	8968.40
2005-06	10600.69
2006-07 (till 20.2.2007)	11799.14

As per the grant-in-aid pattern of the ICDS Scheme, cost of supplementary nutrition was to be borne by the States/UTs till 2004-05. However, from the year 2005-06, the Government of India has decided to provide grant-in-aid to the States/UTs for supplementary nutrition also, to the extent of 50% of financial norms or 50% of the actual expenditure incurred by the State, whichever is less.

The funds released to the State Government of Orissa, on supplementary nutrition in the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 (till date) are Rs. 6697.98 lakh and Rs. 6646.40 lakh respectively. This amount is in addition to the funds released under ICDS Scheme mentioned above.

(b) No, Sir, As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-2 (1998-99), the number of malnourished children in the State of Orissa was 54.4% which has now reduced to 44% as revealed by NFHS-3 undertaken during 2005-06.

(c) Under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), the Ministry of Women and Child Development is allocating foodgrains (wheat and rice) at BPL rates to States/UTs for providing supplementary nutrition under ICDS Scheme. The quantity of foodgrains provided to Orissa under WBNP during the last 5 years is as under:

(In MTs)

	Wheat	Rice
2002-03	37292	—
2003-04	70172	—
2004-05	68875	—
2005-06	20698	41109
2006-07	21261	55462

The Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE) and World Food Programme (WFP) have also been associated with the ICDS Scheme in the State of Orissa. The details of the food assistance provided by CARE and WFP during the last four years to the State of Orissa is given below:

(In MTs)

	CARE	WFP
2003-04	2895	7644
2004-05	2895	7644
2005-06	2895	7644
2006-07 (till Dec., 2006)	1448	12000

The Government is seized of the problem of malnutrition in the country and is implementing a number of schemes to improve the nutritional status of children. Some of these which cover the State of Orissa also as follows:

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(ii) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) (Department of School Education and Literacy);

(iii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls and pregnant and nursing mothers (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(iv) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board (Ministry of Women and Child Development),

(v) National Rural Health Mission including delivery of Iron and Folic Acid and Vitamin A supplementation programmes and integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare),

(vi) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare);

(vii) Targeted Public Distribution System (Department of Food and Public Distribution).

(viii) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme/Swajaldhara and Total Sanitation Campaign; National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (Ministry of Rural Development);

Anganwadi workers in the country

113. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: